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### **Speaker Appoints Members of Select Committee to Protect Private Property Rights**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida House Speaker Allan Bense today finalized the appointees to the House Select Committee to Protect Private Property Rights.

“The right to own property is one of the most basic rights we enjoy as Americans,” said Speaker Bense. “Unfortunately, due to the recent United States Supreme Court decision in the case of *Kelo v. City of New London*, there is concern that this most fundamental freedom may be in jeopardy.

“However, the Court did recognize that state legislatures can and should set clear guidelines for when eminent domain is acceptable. Therefore, the Florida House will take the appropriate steps to ensure that, in Florida, eminent domain is only asserted in situations where the public necessity and the public benefit are very clear.”

The Chairman of the committee will be Rep. Marco Rubio, and the other members of the committee include Reps. Dean Cannon, Greg Evers, Anitere Flores, Ron Greenstein, Denise Grimsley, Arthenia Joyner, Jeff Kottkamp, Dick Kravitz, Ralph Poppell, Jack Seiler, Dwight Stansel, and Anthony Trey Traviesa.

The committee is charged with reviewing Florida’s Constitution, statutes, case law and any other relevant rules or ordinances in order to recommend necessary action. Meeting times, locations and other details will be announced as they are finalized.

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